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REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the instant application after this amendment cancels claims 12-18. Claims 1, 8, and 9, and the title are amended herein. No new matter is added by the amendments, which find support throughout the specification and figures. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the following remarks.

The Office Action objects to the title and requests a new title. Though the title as presented in the preliminary amendment filed on July 9, 2004 is believed to be sufficiently descriptive, in the interest of expediting prosecution Applicants herein amend the title to "Information Processing Device For Executing Instructions Using Multiple Buffers And Detecting Branching Instructions." It is respectfully submitted that the amended title is descriptive and it is therefore requested that the objection be withdrawn.

The Examiner also objects to claim 4. Claim 4 is amended herein to respond to the objection, and it is therefore requested that the objection be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejects claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner states that these claims lack sufficient antecedent basis for the recited "branching instruction" since each claim depends from claim 6, which recites both a first and second branching instruction. Claims 8 and 9 are amended herein to respond to the objection by reciting "the first and second branching instructions", where appropriate, and it is therefore requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

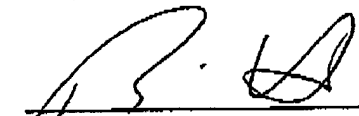
The rejection of claims 12-18 are obviated by the cancellation of these claims. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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